

The Boulevard



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The City of Bellaire is an active community. Below is a list of upcoming special events and important dates to remember. For more information on these and other activities, check out the [City Events Calendar](#).

Watch for the Winter 2016 [Leisure Activities Guide](#).

January

- Jan 18** Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday-City offices closed, No garbage pick up
- Jan 20** Evergreen Park Community Meeting
- Jan 28** Bellaire Police 2016 Winter Community Meeting

February

- Feb 1** State of the City and Town Hall Meeting
- Feb 6** Daddy/Daughter Dance
- Feb 22** Summer Camp Registration begins

March

- Mar 2** Read Across America in Bellaire
- Mar 13** Daylight Saving Time—Spring forward
- Mar 14** Spring Break

For more Community Happenings see back page

Bellaire City Council 2016

The City of Bellaire welcomed a new Mayor and four newly elected members of Council at the first City Council meeting of 2016 on January 4.

Mayor Andrew Friedberg, Councilmembers Trisha Pollard (Position 2), Pat McLaughlan (Position 4), and David Montague (Position 6) were installed in a ceremony held earlier that the evening. Councilmember Michael Fife (Position 5), elected to Position 5 in a special election, was installed November 16, 2015. As part of council action at their first meeting, Councilman Roman Reed was elected Mayor Pro Tempore.



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Left to right: Trisha Pollard, Gus Pappas, Pat McLaughlan, Andrew Friedberg, Roman Reed, David Montague, Michael Fife.

Mayor's corner >>>

On behalf of your City Council, we wish you a very happy new year. 2016 marks the beginning of a new Council term and we're excited to get underway. We hope you'll join us in taking full advantage of this opportunity for a fresh start. Specifically, we're working hard to improve the ways we get citizen and stakeholder input on important decisions. Simply put, we want to hear from you! Please join us on February 1, when in conjunction with the annual State of the City address and board and commission reports, we'll have an Open House and Town Hall meeting to provide an update on our municipal facilities planning and get your input. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely Yours,

Andrew



State of the City Monday, February 1, Civic Center

Open House 5:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting 6:00 pm
State of the City Address and Reports 7:00 pm

bellaire beginnings>>>

Bellaire in 1949 was a small town on the verge of becoming a thriving community and the Bellaire Women's Civic Club was founded "which insured the birth of a city-owned and operated free library for Bellaire". In January 1951 a committee was named and a community-wide book drive was held over the next few months.

On April 19, 1951, the library formally opened its doors in one room in the Civic Center. First called the Bellaire Community Library (it was renamed in 1958 the Bellaire City Library). The city accepted the gift of the library by ordinance in June 1951.



Library located in Bellaire Community Center 1960

public works >>>

Projects and Services

Not sure which roads to avoid on the morning commute to work? Check out the [major construction projects](#) and their affected areas as Bellaire works toward improving streets and sidewalks.

Visit the [Public Works Department website](#) for detailed information on construction projects, recycling and waste collection and report problems in the [Resident Request Center](#)

Public Work Facility Update

The Bellaire City Council voted on December 7, 2015 to demolish the current building and to purchase temporary buildings on the current site allowing time for the city to formulate plans and funding for long-term replacement.

This area of the city is prone to floods and the building had 18-24 inches of water in it during the Memorial Day flooding event.

Since the Memorial Day floods the Public Works administrative staff has been relocated to various city departments. Temporary buildings will allow for the staff to be in one location for greater efficiency.



Evergreen Park Community Meeting



**Wednesday, January 20, 2016
7:00 PM
Bellaire Civic Center**

Please join us for a Community Meeting regarding the proposed master plan of Evergreen Park currently addressed as 4500 Evergreen Street, Bellaire, Texas.

The Bellaire Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will present a proposed option for the master plan of Evergreen Park, including the placement of new facilities on the site, parking considerations, and capacity. Citizen comments will be solicited following the presentation.

police >>>

Police Fleet

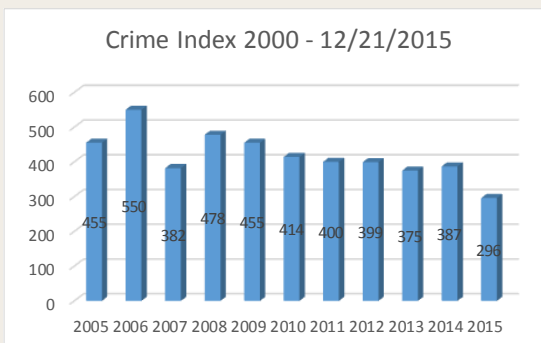
Patrol officers have a new look to the fleet of vehicles patrolling the streets of Bellaire.

In addition to cars and SUVs, patrol enforcement includes motorcycles and bicycles.



**Bellaire Police Winter Community Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 7:00 pm Bellaire Civic Center**

Crime Report



Open Carry in Bellaire - On January 1 individuals licensed to carry a concealed handgun may now carry it openly in most locations. The law does have some restrictions that affect Bellaire: schools, businesses that have appropriate signage, sporting events for high school, jails, hospitals, nursing homes, places of worship, meetings of governmental entities, polling places, courts and court offices and if the person is intoxicated.



Open Carry in Bellaire Questions and Answers from Police Chief Holloway

Question: If a person is open carrying a handgun, how does a police officer determine if he is carrying the handgun legally?

Answer: Constitutional carry did not pass in Texas, so a police officer has the right to ask you to prove that you have a CHL (Concealed Handgun License). If you are asked by a police officer to prove that you are allowed to carry a handgun, you must produce identification.

Question: If I see a person open carrying a handgun, should I call the police?

Answer: You can call the police, but before you call, observe how the person is acting. If they are acting suspicious, or enter a building such as a school, then please give us a call. But, if they are simply at a gas station filling up their car, then they are probably a law abiding citizen who is legally open carrying.

Question: If you are walking down a street, and an officer approaches you, is it a voluntary encounter, or at this point am I "detained"?

Answer: Technically, you are temporarily detained so that the officer can check your license and make sure that you are legally able to carry a handgun.

Question: As a parent, I am concerned with my kids being around people open carrying a handgun. What do I tell my kids to do when they see someone with a pistol on their hip?

Answer: Again, it is situational. If your kids see someone in a grocery store shopping, they should not be alarmed if that person is carrying a handgun. But if they are at school, and they see a person (who is not a Police officer) carrying a gun, they should immediately tell someone and/or call 911.

Question: If I want to prohibit both concealed carry and open carry in my private business what signs do I need to have displayed?

Answer: You must have the 30.06 (concealed carry) and the 30.07 (open carry) signs posted in the front windows and at all entrances of your business.

Question: If I am a private business owner and I do not have the proper 30.06 and 30.07 signs posted and I ask someone to leave my store who is carrying a weapon, are they still legally required to leave even though I don't have the proper signs?

Answer: Yes. As a private business owner you can tell someone to leave if they are carrying a weapon whether you have or don't have the proper signs posted.

Question: Does a citizen have the right to ask a CHL carrier for proof of licensing?

Answer: No. A citizen does not have the right to ask a CHL carrier for proof that he or she is legally carrying a weapon.

Question: What advice would you give to someone who is feeling anxious or intimidated in an open carry environment?

Answer: Open carry is going to be something that everyone will have to get used to. Initially it will be weird to see someone carrying a handgun in the grocery store, but it is important to know that the people who are open carrying a gun are law abiding citizens and are not there to intimidate or hurt you.

development activity >>>

Visible Address Identification

During an emergency, a rapid response from the Bellaire Fire and Police Department can mean the difference between life and death. Every minute can count in these situations. That's why it is imperative that we do all we can to help emergency services find you as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, many homes in Bellaire do not properly show the address number. The simple act of ensuring that your street numbers are accurately displayed can shave minutes off a response time.

Section 9-10(a) of the *City of Bellaire's Code of Ordinances* requires that the owner, occupant, or person in control of every building or structure within the city used or intended to be used for residential, business, commercial, religious, educational, governmental or similar purposes, shall have the assigned street number posted and maintained on such building or structure at a location clearly visible from the street from which the address number is assigned.

In an effort to better serve you, please take the necessary actions to ensure that your street number is in compliance with the following requirements:

1. **Permanently** affixed to the outside of the door or the outside wall of the building or structure, within 18 inches of the principal entrance;
2. **At** least two and one-half inches in height; and
3. **Of** a color which is in contrast to the background

The Fire Department and Code Compliance will begin notifying houses without proper address identification in the coming weeks. Additionally, Development Services continues to work closely with builders to ensure that all new construction has adequate address identification. For more information on this code, as well as other City requirements, please visit our website at www.bellairetx.gov.

Boards and Commissions

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Applications will be accepted for open positions on the City's Boards and Commissions beginning February 1, 2016, and ending May 6, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. The application can be found on the City's [website](#).

The Boards and Commissions with openings include the Board of Adjustment, Building and Standards Commission, Cultural Arts Board, Environmental and Sustainability Board, Evelyn's Park Conservancy Board, LIFE Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Planning and Zoning Commission.

For more information please contact City Clerk, Tracy Dutton at 713-662-8275

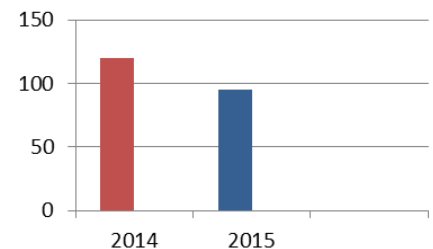
Conditville Council



In early November the first grade classes from Condit Elementary participated in a local civic lesson with city employees in the Bellaire Council Chambers. Students were chosen to serve as Mayor and Council and the other students served as speakers and audience members in a mock-public hearing.

The topic of the day was the design for a new playground at the Nature Discovery Center. Condit Teachers had worked with the students prior to the council session to design their dream playground and talked about the process of city council.

City of Bellaire New Home Construction



There was a 21% decrease in the number of new homes constructed in 2015 when compared to 2014.



Daddy & Daughter Dance Masquerade Ball

Saturday, February 6th
7:00 - 9:30 pm
Bellaire City Hall Auditorium
7008 S. Rice Ave.

Pre-registration only; spaces limited
Residents: \$30 per couple
Non-Residents: \$40 per couple

RSVP to:
Bellaire Parks & Recreation
713-662-8290
www.bellairetx.gov

*Masks will be provided

New Pool Fees

Effective January 1, 2016

Bellaire Town Square Family
Aquatic Center
Oct.—April

	Res	NRes
Ages 2 & Under	Free	Free
Ages 3-59	\$5	\$10
Ages 60 & up	\$4	\$8

May—Sept.

	Res	NRes
Ages 2 & Under	Free	Free
Ages 3-59	\$8	\$16
Ages 60 & up	\$7	\$14

Elaine Wood therapy Pool &
Evergreen Pool

	Res	NRes
Ages 2 & Under	Free	Free
Ages 3-59	\$5	\$10
Ages 60 & up	\$4	\$8

bellaire city council >>>

Regular Meetings

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.

-Located in Bellaire City Council Chambers

-Sign up to speak by clicking on a [meeting date](#) online or filling out a [speaker form](#).

Agendas, minutes and videos from past meetings are available [online](#).

Community Happenings Continued From pg. 1...

Tuesday, January 26

Friends of the Bellaire Library's Annual Meeting
Bellaire City Library
7:00 pm

Saturday, March 5

Bellaire Little League Opening Day
Jessamine Field

Summer Hiring Now!

If you are interested in working as a life-guard or summer camp counselor, please go online and apply today!

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Bellaire L.I.F.E.

The Bellaire L.I.F.E. Program offers fun and exciting activities for participants age 50 and up. Life begins at 50! L.I.F.E. stands for Living, Information, Fun and Enrichment.

B.L.I.F.E. is located in the Bellaire City Hall Building at 7008 S. Rice.

For information on B.L.I.F.E. trips and events, please download a [Bellaire L.I.F.E. Newsletter](#).

Bellaire Trolley Run

April 9th

Be sure to register now for the early bird pricing.

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Library Services

With just your library card you have access at home to over 50 full-text databases, 24/7! Great for school reports and projects.

What you can do on the City of Bellaire's [website!](#)

- Submit a service request via the [Resident Request Center](#)
- Watch past City Council meetings
- Pay your utility or court bill
- Renew/search/hold a library book
- Search crime/call database
- Download permit forms
- Get fire prevention tips
- Register for recreation classes
- ...and much more!

Bellaire resident, Nick Aring, was recognized with a proclamation by Mayor Nauert and Chief Anderson on November 16.



Nick, 73, has been a volunteer with the Bellaire Fire Department for 56 years and assists the firefighters with their gear and equipment during their training sessions and during emergency calls.

Horace Gulley, a Laborer in Public Works Streets Division, was one of four nominees for City of Bellaire's Employee of the Year. He was honored as the Employee of the Year at the City's Employee Holiday Luncheon on December 22nd.



Horace joined the City of Bellaire July 14, 2014. The other three nominees were Payroll Technician Kathleen Quiroz, Utility Billing/Collections Representative Lana Blanks, and Police Officer Omar Barrientos. All four nominees were selected and honored as an Employee of the Quarter by their peers.

New Faces!

Gregory Carson, Police, December 27
Arthur Williams, PW-Water Distribution, Dec 22
Raquel Porras, City Manager's Office, December 1
Byishimo Sebahizi, PW-Solid Waste, October 26
Kevin Gima, PW-Solid Waste, October 21
Chase Liccketo, Police, October 12
Velvia Whiting, PW-Waste Water Collection, Sept 7
Thomas James Girt, Jr, Fire, September 3

Want to be part of the team? The City currently has [available employment opportunities](#).



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